# CARABID.E' FROM 'THE UPPER WTLLIAMS RIVER, N. S. WALES. 

[Coleopthra.]

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At the end of the year 1915, I was one of a party of naturalists organised by Mr. W. J. Enright, of West Maitland, to examine the part of the Mount Royal Range known as The Barrington Tops; this is the platean, 5000 feet above sea-level, from which the Barrington, Williams, Allyn, Paterson, and other rivers rise. Our ronte was north-west from the town of Dungog along the Williams liver; after the level of 3500 feet was reached, the track was along the top of the narrow ridge dividing the valleys of the Williams and Allyn Rivers, till (beyond the source of the Williams) we reached Barrington Tops, about 37 miles from Dungog. The grological formation of this part of the Dungog District is Permo-Carboniferous, the Barrington Tops being basalt-capped.

Our camp was at Mr. William Edwards' honse on the southern source of the Barrington River, eastward of some open, swampy land known as "the plain." Collecting was done for three days on the platean, and also on the route-marches there and back, at six localities, which are indieated on the accompanying map by numbers; the figures in brackets, following the names of speeies in the list which is given below, are those of the numbered localities to show where specimens of eath species were found.

The position and description of these loealities are as under:-
(1) Fagus*-brush, about fon miles from our camp along the track to Stewart's Brook; 5000 feet.
(2) Fagus-brush, about two miles southward from our eamp; 5000 feet.

[^0](3) Fagus-bush along the Williams River; 4500 feet.
(4) Eucalyptus* forest round the plain; 4800 feet.
(5) Brushes along the Williams River below 3500 feet.
(6) Mr. J. Rumbles farm on the Willians River, 20 mites from Dungog; 600 feet.


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List of ('arabider found, mumbering forty-six species including nine speries and two varieties described as new.

Pamborus altoruens Latr.,(5); P. pradieri Chaud.,(1, 2, 3, 5); Mystropomus subcostatus Chand.,(5): Enrylychus dyschirioides Cast.,(2); E. cylindricus, n.sp.,(1, 2, 3, 4); Jeonis semistriatus, 11 sp.,(3): M. minor, u.sp.,(1, 2); Mecyclothorux ambiguus Erichs., (4): Amblytelus curtus Fabr.,(4); A. minutus Masl.; Dystrichothorax sloanei Blkb.; D. rittipenmis Sl.,(4); Trichostermes vigorsi Gory, (5); T'. cyaneus Chaud., (2); T'.(?) austrulicus, n.sp., (2); Cerutoferonit reyalis Cast.,(5); Notonomus angustibasis Sl.,(1, ٌ, 3, 5); N.johnstoni Sl.,(5); N. truncatus, 1.sp ,(1, 2, 3); L. . hedleyi,

[^1]n.sp.,(1, 2, 3); N. australis Cast.,(1,4); N. amabilis ('ast.,(5); N. frontevirens n.sp.,(1, 2, 3); Prosopogmus chalybeipennis Chaud., (1, 2, 3, 5); Tachys curticollis Sl., (6); Lacordairia cychroides Cast.,(3); Siagonyx blackburni, n.sp., (1, 2, 3); Gnuthaphanus pulcher Dej.,(6); Gı. melanarius Dej.,(6); Diaphoromerus edwardsi Cast., var. virescens, n.var.,(4); Hypharpax australis Dej., (6); Lecanomerus major Blkb., (1,2,3); Xanthophrea grandis Chaud.,(4); X. ferruginea Chaud.,; Trigonothops pacifica Erichs., (4); `arothrocrepis corticalis Fabr., var. infuscata, n.var, (4); S. suavis Blkb., (4); C'eloenephes parallelus Schmidt-Goeb. (6); Philophlceus obtusus Chaud.,(6); Ph. luculentus Newm.,(6); Agonoch,la ruficollis Sl.,(4); A. guttata(?) Chaud.,(6); A. macleayi Sl., (4); A. fenestrata Blkb., (4); A. playiata, n.sp. (4); Sily homorpha ovalis Cast.,(6); S. discoidalis Cast.,(4).

No definite conclusions can be drawn from the small number of Carabidee which can be collected in any district during one short visit; at most, a fair idea of the species to be found at one period of the year can be gained. Fifteen species are definitely recorded as having been found below the level of 4,000 feet; and to these may be added three, widely distributed species which are without exact locality, but which undoubtedly do inhabit the lower ground: these eighteen species are all known species, which are found in various parts of the coastal districts of New South Wales between syduey and the Chraence River. Twenty-eight species were collected above the altitude of 4,100 feet; these are of far more interest than those from the lower country, no less than eight of them being undescribed species. One of these, Trichosternus(!) (unstrations sl., is a remarkable and interesting species, evidently an ancient type, which is more allied to New Zealand than to existing Australian species. Another is Ayonochila refficollis Sl., hitherto only known to inhabit the forests of South-Western Australia, but which is closely allied to a Tasmanian species, and to A. binotata White, of New Zealand; the other species are members of typical genera of Eastern Australia. Altogether, the Carabide of the Barrington Tops show a general affinity to those of eastem New South Wales, with some indications of a connection with the south.

## Eurybychnus rylindricus, n.sp.

Elongate-oval, subeylindrical; head stont, one supraorbital seta on each side; prothorax cordate; elytra oval, lighty S-striate. Black.

Head convex ( $3 \cdot 7 \mathrm{~mm}$. across eyes); vertex transtersely impressed: frontal impressions strong, comed, diverging backwards; eyes round, prominent. Prothorax hroader than long ( $4 \cdot 6 \times 5$ mm.), widest before middle, wider at apex ( $t \mathrm{~mm}$.) than base ( 3 mm .); sides rounded; anterior angles wide, rounded; basal angles rounded: lateral border thick, merging with surface of prothorax at basal angles: a short, deep, foveiform, basal im pression comected with postrior extremity of lateral chamel on each side; one, setigerous, marginal puncture on each side at about one-half the length of prothorax: median line not strongly impressed. Elytra convex ( $10.5 \times 5.8 \mathrm{~mm}$.) : striat shallow, simple, distinct on dise, faint on sides; interstices depressed. Apex of abolomen with one seta on each side in both sexes. Prosternum lordered along anterior margin. Anterior tarsi similar in both sexes: outer angle of two hasal joints prominent. Length $17-20$, brearlth $5 \cdot t-6 \mathrm{~mm}$.

Hab.-Mount Royal Range, N.S.W. Common unter lours in the Fagns-hrushes, from 4,500 to 5,000 fret.

A distinct species allied to F . regularis sle, but narowwer (especially prothorax) and more cylindrical; prothorax smallor, narower at apex, less ampliate at widest part, anterior angles less distant from head and less marked; clytra far more lightly striate.
Meonis semistriatus, h.sp.

Elongate-wal, comsex. Black.
Head odinary ( 2.7 mon. aross eyes) Prothorax truncatecondate ( $4 \times 3.8 \mathrm{~mm}$ ) , of nearly equal width at apex ( 2.75 mm .) and base ( $\because-8.1 m m$. ) : sides lightly rounded, lighty simmate to bass: hase trmonte, sloping forward to hasal angles, these sharply marked. Elytra oval ( $8 \cdot 5 \times 5 \cdot 1 \mathrm{~mm}$.) , lightly 3 -striate on dise: sides and apical declivity laevigate: humeral angles marked, sub)dentate. Length $15 \cdot 5$, breadth $5 \cdot 1 \mathrm{~mm}$.

Mab.--Mount Royal Range, N.S.W. Five specimens were found under logs in the Fagus-brush along the Williams River, at 4,500 feet.

A distinct species, differing from all the species hitherto described by having only the three inner striee on each elytron present; these striee are only marked before the apical declivity, which is levigate, as is also the lateral part of each elytron outside the third interstice; in these respects, it agrees with the small species, M. minor described below.

## Meonis minor, n.sp.

Elongate-oval, convex. Black.
Head ordinary ( $1 \cdot 7 \mathrm{~mm}$. across eyes). Prothorax truncatecordate, about as long as broad $(2.4 \times 2.5 \mathrm{~mm}$.), of equal width at apex and base ( 1.8 mm .); sides lightly rounded, strongly sinuate to base; base truncate; basal angles sharply marked. Elytra oval ( $4 \cdot 7 \times 3 \mathrm{~mm}$.) , lightly 3 -striate on disc; sides and apical declivity leevigate; humeral angles marked, subdentate. Length $8: 5-9$, breadth 3 mm .

Hab.-Mount Royal Range, N.S.W. Three specimens in brushes at the source of the Barrington River, 5,000 feet.

Allied to M. semistriutus sl., but the great difference in size (which is constant in the five specimens of 11. semistriatns, and the three specimens of $\mathcal{H}$. minor, which I have seen), constrains me to regard it as a distinct species. In the case of $M_{\text {. anynsti }}$ rollis Sl., of which I found examples of two distinct sizes at Dorrigo, specimens of the different sizes occurred together; but with I/. semistriatus and M. minor, the specimens were found several miles apart, at different altitudes, and on different watersheds; further collecting to ascertain the range and variation in size of these two species is necessary before a definite opinion can be given on the position to be assigned to M. minor: that is, whether, or not, it is merely a variety of 11 . semistriatus. Comparing IV. minon with the smaller form of $1 /$. cmyusticollis, it is noticed that the prothorax is shorter, wider, less strongly rounded on sides, basal simuosity shorter, elytra less rounded on sides, less
strongly striate, fourth stria not marked, apical declivity nonstriate.

## Table of species of the genus Meonis.

1(6) Elytra with fourth and fifth striee well developed on apical declivity.
2(3) Elytra 5 -striate on dise.......................................... M. niger Cast.
3(2) Elytra 4-striate on dise.
4(5) Stria of elytra deeply impressed, prothorax strongly rounded on sides. M. comerus Sl .
$\bar{j}(4)$ Strix of elytra lightly impressed, prothorax lightly rounded on sides. M. anyusticollis Sl.

6(1) Elytra with apical declivity and sides beyond fourth interstice lævigate.
7(8) Elytra deeply 4 -striate, prothorax with sides strongly rounded and strongly sinuate posteriorly 1. amplicollis Sl.

8(7) Elytra lightly 3 -striate, prothorax with sides lightly rounded and lightly simate posteriorly.
9 (10) Size large ( 15.5 mm .) 1/. semistriatus Sl.
10(9) Size small ( 9 mm .) M. minor sl.

Vote.-No specimen of $\%$ ater Cast., is available to me at present. It is said by Castelnau to differ from 1/. niger Cast., by having four strie on the elytra, not five as in 1\%. niger. It is allied to $1 /$ angusticollis Sl., from Dorrigo, N.S.W., which reguires comparison with it; specimens of M. niger are in the Howitt Collection at the National Museum, Melbourne, ticketed "Brisbane.

## 'Trichosternus(?) australicus, 11.sp.

Elongate; head large, mentum with sinus parallel on sides, median tooth bifid; palpi elongate, slender; antenuæ slender, setaceous; prothorax subcordate, lateral margins wide, basal angles obtuse, posterior marginal seta a little before base; elytra oval, strongly striate, interstices lightly convex, 3, 5, and 7 seriate-punctate, basal border a little raised at humeral angles, lateral margins wide; prosternum glabrous between coxæ; met epistema short: legs long, light; posterior trochanters long, narrow, depressed on posterior side; anterior tarsi in of with three basal joints dilatate and biseriately squamose beneath. Nitid, occiput and dise of pronotum dark copper ; front and sides of pronotum brassy; elytra dark copper with bright eupreous
margin; under surface piceous; trochanters, tarsi, and mouthparts reddish-picenus.

Head a little narrowed behind eyen ( $4 \cdot 25 \mathrm{~mm}$. across eyes): front widely bimpressed. Prothorax broader than long ( $4 \cdot 5 \times 5 \cdot 3$ mm .), widest before middle, wider at apex ( 4.15 mm .) than hase ( $3 \cdot 6 \mathrm{~mm}$.): sides lightly rounded at anterior marginal puncture, obliquely narowed to base (subsimuate before base from some points of view): apex lightly emarginate: anterior angles obtuse, hardly arlvanced; hase lightly emarginate above peduncle; lateral border strongly reflexed on basal half, particularly towards basal angles; lateral basal impressions wide. Elytra much wider than Prothorax ( $11 \times 7 \mathrm{~mm}$.) ; sides strongly rounded to peduncle; stria a little crenulate; striole at base of first interstice short; interstices 1-太 equal, ninth depressed, third 3 - or t-punctate, fifth and serenth 2 pmuctate on basal half. Prostermum, mesostermum, and metastermm glabrous. Ambulatorial setae of ventral segments present: apex of aholomen misetose on each side, a slight motch in middle. Lengtl $-0 \cdot 5$, breadth 7 mm .

I/ah.-Mome Royal Range, N.s. IV. One specimen ( $\delta$ ) was fommet by me on the steep escarpment at the sompe of the Allyn river, foo feet from the summit, unler a los on the stomy bank of a rivulet, in a very damp situation.

This species is an isolated one in the Australian fauma, and is not truly congeneric with the other Australian species which have been referred to the genus Trichostorm"s. It has not the interstices of the elytra costate, as have all our othor species. It is more allied to New /ealand species, for which the late Tschitscherine proposer (though without diagnosing it) a new gemus, Jesopterostichus, with Trichostproms guririni Chand., for the tyje.* I do not know $T$. ! reirini in nature, now have 1 sutficient knowledge of the species of New Kealand to say definitely that $T$. anstralicus is actually congeneric with them: but I cammot think it will remain in the same genus with the costate Anstratian suecies of Trichostomons, when the classification of the Plerostichimi is revised.

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## Notonomus Truncatus, 11.sp,

Elliptical-oval, convex; prothorax rounded on sides, angles not marked, posterior marginal seta before basal angle, not on border: elytra oval, fully striate, interstices depressed, third 3-punctate, eighth and ninth suberual on basal halt, basal border not raised above lateral border at humeral angles, apex truncate: hind tarsi edongate, narrow. Black.

Head convex ( 3.5 mm . across eves). Prothoras broader than long $(4 \times 4.5 \mathrm{~mm}$.), convex, a little narmoer at base ( 3 mm .) than apex $(3.5 \mathrm{~mm}$.) , levigate; sides rounded; anterior angles rlose to head: basal angles obtuse: lateral marginal channel not defined near base; lateral basal impressions short, wide; lateral border narrow. Elytra oval ( $10 \times 5.8 \mathrm{~mm}$.) ; lateral apical sinuosities well developed; strixe decided, less strongly impressed in $q$ than in $\delta:$ interstices depressed on disc, eighth depressed, rather narrow, hardly as wide as ninth on basal half, tenth moclerately developed, extending forward from apical sinuosity for one-third the distance to base of elytra. Intereoxal declivity of postemum wide, rounded; of mesosternum, comrave. Four posterior tarsi without spinules heneath costa of exterial sirle of lasal joint. Length $16-18.5 \mathrm{~mm}$., breadth $5.3-6.4 \mathrm{~mm}$.

Mab.-Mount Royal Range. N.N. IV. Plentiful under logs in the Fagus-brushes, at the sources of the Williams and Barrington Rivers, 4,500 to 5,000 feet.

Allied to $\Lambda^{*}$. johnstoni sl., and a member of the rarisimmmis group; but sharply differentiated from all the other species of the genus $\operatorname{lotonomus~by~the~truncate~elytra,~which~have~the~apex~}$ trumate opposite the four, inner striae of rach elytron, so as to expose the apex of the abdomen.

## Notovomus henleyl, 11.sp.

Elliptical-oval, subelepressed: prothorax rounderl on sides, basal angles rounded off, posterior marginal seta on border at loase: elytra oval, strongly and fully striate, thind interstice 3 -punctate, eighth and minth rather narrow, suberual, basal border raised alove lateral horder at humeral angles. Black.

Head ordinary ( 25 mm. across eyes). Prothorax hroader than long ( $3 \cdot 25 \times 3.7 \mathrm{~mm}$.), a little wider at apex ( 2.8 mm .) than base ( 2.6 mm .); sides lightly rounded, roundly angustate to base; border extending round hasal angles (which are indicated by the presence of the posterior setigerous puncture on the border) to lateral basal impressions, these short and wide. Elytra truncateoval ( $8 \times 4.5 \mathrm{~mm}$.) ; lateral apical sinuosities wide, weakly developed: tenth interstice moderately developed near apex. Intercoxal declivity of prostermm Hat, of mesosternum a little concave. First joint of four posterior tarsi without spinules beneath costa of outer side. Length $12 \cdot 5-1+8$, breadth $4 \cdot 2.5 \mathrm{~mm}$.

Hab.-Mount Royal Range, N.S.W.
Not uncommon under $\log s$ in the Fagus-brushes, at the sources of the Williams and Barrington Rivers; 4,500 to 5,000 feet. I have dedicated it to Mr. C. Hedley, conchologist, in whose company I found it.

I place it next $N$. maryinatus Cast., and $N$. fergusoni Sl . It has the faries of N. marginatns, val. sydneyensis Sl., but differs conspicuously by its black colour; prothorax with basal angles far less marked; elytra with third interstice 3 -punctate, lateral apical simuosities less strongly developed; intercoxal declivity of prosternum flat, It resembles $\lambda^{+}$. jergusoni by colour, and the obtuseness of the basal angles of the prothorax, hut differs by all the other characters given aloove as differentiating it from $N$. marginatus, rar. sydnoyfusis, in facies, it is much less robust than I. fergusoni.

## Notovomes frontevirens, u.sp.

Elliptical-oval, comex ; pothorax subcordate, romuded on sides, narpower across base ( 35 m mm.) than apex ( 1 mm .), posterion marginal seta on border at basal angle; elytra wal, stromgly striate, interstices comvex, third 4 - ir i-punctate, basal border not dentate at hameral angles. Head bright green on upper surface; pronotum nitid, hronze-copper: clytra bronzy, ninth interstice and marginal chamel brighter (greenish or cupreous); undersarface and legs black; anteme with basal joints black.

Head convex ( $3 \cdot 65 \mathrm{~mm}$. across eyes); eyes convex. Prothorax broader than long ( $4 \times 5 \mathrm{~mm}$.) ; sides strongly rounted, roundly angustate to base: berder wide, reflexed; lateral basal impressions short, wide. Elytra oval $(11 \times 6.5 \mathrm{~mm}$. $)$, convex; lateral apical simosities wide, feeble; strize suberenulate; eighth and ninth interstices short, well developed towards apex. Intercoxal declivity of prostermm Hat, of mesosternum lightly concave. Four posterior tarsi costate on external side without spinules beneath costre. Length 19-23, brealth $6 \cdot 25-7 \cdot 4$ mm.

Hub.--Monnt Royal Range, N.S.W. Not meommon under logs in the Fagus-brushes, at the someres of the Williams and Barrington Rivers, 4,500 to 5,000 feept. Seven specimens have been examinerl.

Belongs to the australis-group. It is allied to, and resembles I. colossus slo, but differs by form more convex; prothorax smaller, narrower across base, more strongly romeled on sides (particularly towards base), anterior angles more rounded and nearer to head; clytrat more oval, horder narrower; posterior femora less swollen in middle; upper surface of head bright green, prothorax cupreons, elytra coppery-bronze, antemie black (not reddish).

## SIAGONYX BLACKBURNI, n.sp.

Siayony.r rayustuta Blackb., (not Latordairia angustatu Cast.), Trans. Roy. Soc. S. Aust., 1901, p.116.

Elliptical-oval, depressed; labrum bisinuate; prothorax very little broader than long ( $2.8 \times 3 \mathrm{~mm}$.). Black.

Prothorax narrow, strongly narrowed to base, widest before middle ; apex and base of equal width ( 2 mm .), apex lightly emarginate, narrowly bordered; anterior angles rounded; base emarginate, rombled at basal angles; lateral margins wide. Elytra much wider than prothorax, oral ( $9 \times 5.5 \mathrm{~mm}$.) , strongly striate; a short, distinct striole at base of first interstice; third interstice bipunctate near second stria. Length $12 \cdot 5-15 \cdot 6$, breadth $4 \cdot 5.6 \mathrm{~mm}$.

Hab.-N.S.W.: Fagus-brushes at the sources of the Williams
and Barrington Rivers, Kiama, Burrawang.--Victoria: Wood's Point, Marysville, Warburton, Yarragon, Ballarat, Princetown.

This is the species which Blackburn regarder as Lacordairin angustatu C'ast., lut, with this opinion, I cannot agree. I regard L. antyestatu as a true Lacondairia, in all probability conspecific with L. rychroides. Cast., which I have from Raleigh, Comborne, Williams River, and Gosford, N.S.W. L. blackbumi is common in collections; it is over thirty years ago since I first found it in the Otway forest, but it has never been described. In the proprotions of the prothorax, it varies considerably; a specimen from Kiama, in my collection, has the dimensions of the prothorax as follows $-3 \cdot 5 \times 3 \cdot 6$, apex -5 , hase -7 mm . It differs from s'. amplipprnis Macl., (which extends as far south as Dorrigo) by labrum not rather deeply emarginate, but bisinnate (middle more prominent than anterior angles), prothorax more elongate and narrower, elytra less deeply striate, etc.

## Diaphoromerts edwardsi Cast., var. virescens, in.sal.

Oval, convex; prothorax transverse, much wider at base than apex, basal angles olituse; elytra truncate-oval, striate, interstices depressed, second with an elongate striole at base, third unipunctate at beginning of apical declivity, humeral angles subtentate. Nitid, minutely shagreened: upper surface rather bright green: undersurface virescent: labrum, legs, antemne after second joint, and palpi (excepting their apices) black; first joint of antenna reddish-testaceons. Length $7 \cdot 7-8 \cdot 5$, breadth $3 \cdot 9-3 \cdot 5 \mathrm{~mm}$.

Hab.-N.S.W.: sources of Barrington River (Sloane), Ebor (Tillyard).

A single specimen ( (t) occurred to me in open country near Mr: Edwards' honse (5,000 feet). Mr. Tillyard had formerly found it at Ebor. It seems a variety of D. edwardsi Cast., which is said by Chaudoir to be shining olive-bronze; by Castelnau, "dark æeneous-green, with a bluish tinge."

Sarothrocrepis corticalis Fabr., var. infuscata, n.var.
Differs from S. corticalis Fabr., by pattern of elytra; the black apical patch extends forward along interstices $6-8$ to the base,
and near the base orersureads interstices $2-5$, with the result that a dull testaceons, sutural space on the basal half of the elytrat is enclosed: at its widest part, this basal plaga extends outwards to the fifth or sixth interstice on cacla elytron, is divided posterionly ly a forwarl prolongation of the ante-apical black area, and extends along the first interstice to the base. The dark basal part of the elytra is infuseate, mot nearly as black as the ante. apical patch. The aldomen is slightly more setulose than in s. corticalis, hat less so than in S. setuloser sl. As in s. conticalis, the interstices are non-setulose, hut have minute punctures along the course of the fifth as in S. corticalis (these punctures being most noticeable towards the apex). Length $9-10 \%$, breadth 4.5 5 ! !!m.

Hab. Homnt Royal Range, N.N. W.
Common under loose bark on the trunks of Eincelypptas cortiaren, at 5,000 feet.

I have specimens of this variety from Sydney, Victoria, and Tasmania.

> Agonochlla plagiata, m.sp.

1epressed: elytra wide in proportion to prothorax: head finely shagreened, sparsely punctulate; prothorax transverse, apex lightly enarginate, hase strongly bisimate, posterior angles marked, but obtuse, one or two marginal setar on anterior half; elytra broad, densely and rather coarsely pmotate, striae and interstices inflistinct, third interstice :3-punctate. Legs, antemm, mouth-parts, lateral margins of prothoras, a wide posthmeral plaga on each elytron, and undersurface testaceous (sides of abdomen fuscous); head and dise of prothorax usually brownish; elytra brownish with a variahle pattern-usually a wide, testaceous, posthumeral plaga on each elytron and an indefinite apical patch: sometimes the posthumeral plage join the apical pateh by a narrow, illdefined extension along the fourth interstice.

Head stout ( 1.3 mm . across eyes), minutely shagreened, and sparsely punctate mider a lens; eyes prominent. Prothorax wide ( $1.2 \times 2 \mathrm{~mm}$.), widest before middle, a little narrower at apex ( 1.4 mm .) than base ( 1.5 mm .), finely setulose-punctate under a
lens; dise rather convex; margins wide, depressed; sides rounded anteriorly, narrowed and subsinuate posteriorly; apex lightly emarginate, anterior angles rounded; base shortly lobed in middle, basal angles obtuse, median line strongly impressed. Elytra broad ( $4 \times 3 \mathrm{~mm}$.) , widest about posterior third, a little narrowed to base, rounded on sides; humeral angles widely rounded, Length $7-7 \cdot 5$, breadth $3-3 \cdot 5 \mathrm{~mm}$.

Hab.-Moment Royal Range, N.S.W. Common under lonse bark on trimks of $E$. coriucen, at 5,000 feet.

This is one of the largest speeies which has been attributed to the genus Ayonochila. Its distinguishing characters are its broad elytra, with a wide, posthumeral, testaceous plaga on each elytron. The pattern of the elytra varies a good deal:-taking the groundcolour as pitchy-brown, there is usually a wide, testaceous, posthumeral plaga on each elytron, and an apical, duller-eoloured patch (more or less eommon to both elytra); sometimes the posthumeral and apical markings are widely separated by the brown ground-pattern; sometimes the plage extend baekwards and join the apical mark, so that the brown parts of the elytra beeome arranged in three, irregular stripes, viz., a sutural stripe and one near each side, these stripes being wide and near together about the apieal third of the elytra. Compared with A. corticalis Eriehs., A. playiutc is larger and differently marked; prothorax with sides more strongly narrowed to base, elytra more strongly punctate. It is remarkable to find, in this species, the prothorax with either one or two, anterior, marginal sete on each side; where there are two seta, these are wide apart, the posterior one situated as usual, the anterior one a little less than half-way between it and the anterior angle. Twenty-six specimens have been examined; of these, seventeen had one seta, and nine two setie. Speeimens of both sexes oceurred with one and two sete.


[^0]:    * F'ugus Moorei F.v.M., is the predominant tree in the brushes at 4100 feet and upwards: but I did not notice it in the brushes below 3500 feet.

[^1]:    * Eucatyptus coriarea A. Cumn, was the most plentiful tree alont ome camp; all the bark-caralis taken on the platean were found on this trec.

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